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DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAVING DIFFICULT TIME WITH QUESTIONS
IF EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE SEEN DETAINED AMERICANS AND WHAT
WE ARE DOING TO ASSURE THEIR WELFARE.

IMPERATIVE THAT CONSULAR OFFICERS GAIN ACCESS TO DETAINEES
SO SPOKESMAN CAN SAY SO. WE NOTE JUNTA REPRESENTATIVE
TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THEY TRYING TO IMPROVE THEIR IMAGE IN
FOREIGN PRESS. CONTINUED REFUSAL TO ALLOW ACCESS BY CON-
SULAR OFFICERS TO DETAINEES RUNS COUNTER TO THIS EFFORT.

CAN ANTICIPATE THAT QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED ABOUT DETAINED
AMERICANS AT NOON BRIEFING TOMORROW AND HOPEFUL WE CAN
ANSWER BY THEN THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CONTACTED. RUSH

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